

**AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**SPECIAL SESSION**  
**December 6, 2004, 6:00 p.m.**

The Special Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber at City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Cheryl Maki presiding and City Clerk Joseph G. R. Labrie recording the minutes.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Tanisha Saini  
God Bless America was sung by Lauren Brislane

**ROLL CALL**

<b>Council Members Present:</b>	Kathy Sands, Alice Dowdin, Kevin Hanley, Mike Holmes, Mayor Cheryl Maki
<b>Council Members Absent:</b>	None
<b>Staff Members Present:</b>	City Manager Bob Richardson City Attorney Charles Wachob Police Chief Nick Willick Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogio Community Development Director Will Wong Deputy City Clerk Anne Cooley Engineering Division Manager Bernie Schroeder

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. **Submittal of Application for Grant Funds in the Amount of \$250,000 for the Auburn School Park Preserve**

By **RESOLUTION 04-153** approve the application for Grant Funds for the Roberti-Z'Berg-Harris Urbanized Area Need-Basis Program under the California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002.

\*\*\*\*\* End of Consent Calendar \*\*\*\*\*

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar. **MOTION: Dowdin/Holmes/**  
**Approved 5:0**

2. **Public Comment**

Council Member Holmes asked that city staff take a look at the city safety program and report on that and on the Workers Compensation rates.

3. **Remarks from the Outgoing Mayor**

Mayor Maki thanked the citizens of the City of Auburn for giving her the opportunity to serve them as a Council Member. She said it has been an incredible experience. She also thanked her family for their support. She expressed her deep appreciation to city staff for all their hard work and diligence. She said the City of Auburn is now better off than before because of them. She added that she thought the current City Council is the best ever; even though they may have had disagreements there was always full cooperation.

4. **Election Results**

City Clerk Joseph Labrie certified the results of the Canvass of Vote for the November 2, 2004 General Municipal Election, and reported the breakdown of the total votes cast.

5. **Oath of Office**

Deputy City Clerk Anne Cooley administered the oath to re-elected City Clerk Joseph Labrie.

- A. City Clerk Joseph Labrie administered the oath of office to newly selected Deputy City Clerk Ruby Payne.
- B. The City Clerk administered the oath of office to the City Treasurer and Council Members elected at the November 2, 2004 General Municipal Election:

George Williams	City Treasurer
Bob Snyder	City Council Member
Keith Nesbitt	City Council Member

6. **Exchange of Council Seats**

Newly elected Council Members and continuing Council Members were seated, as set by precedence, in alphabetical order with the exception of the Mayor Pro Tempore.

Seat #1	Kevin Hanley
Seat #2	J. M. Holmes
Seat #3	Alice Dowdin
Seat #4	Keith Nesbitt
Seat #5	Bob Snyder

7. **Council Reorganization**

A. **Nomination and Selection of Mayor**

Mayor Pro Tem Dowdin declared nominations open for the position of Mayor.

Council Member Holmes said “ *since we have a lack of a written policy on how the mayor is to be chosen, something I hope will be resolved in the near future, in accordance with the established precedence that has been laid down over the last 25 or so years, I **NOMINATE Alice Dowdin as Mayor***”.

Council Member Hanley responded. He supports the 30-year tradition of rotating the position of Mayor every year between the top two vote getters in the previous election. It helps insure that Council Members focus on what’s important for Auburn residents. Under this system all Council Members are equal. He will continue to vote for the Mayor under these rules, no matter what the philosophical differences.

**Nomination was approved 4:0/Abstained: Holmes.**

B. **Nomination and Selection of Mayor Pro Tem**

Newly selected Mayor Dowdin declared nominations open for Mayor Pro Tem.

Council Member Hanley nominated Mike Holmes. **Nomination was approved 5:0**

8. **Commendations by Newly Elected Mayor**

Mayor Dowdin presented commendations to the Council Members leaving office:

Cheryl Maki, Mayor

Kathy Sands, Council Member and Former Mayor

9. **Appointments of Planning Commissioners**

By **RESOLUTION 04-154** make the following appointments to the City of Auburn Planning Commission:

Council Member:	Appointment:
Hanley	Beryl Smith
Holmes	Sally White
Snyder	Annabell McCord
Nesbitt	Ray Merz
Dowdin	Bridget Powers

**MOTION: Holmes/Snyder/Approved 5:0**

**ADJOURNMENT** at 6:43 p.m.

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Cheryl Maki, Mayor

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Alice Dowdin, Mayor

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Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk